

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

HOME, KANSAS 66438  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: 2011-2-72  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Jim and Pat Schramm, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Home, KS post office. The Final Determination was posted 10-17-11.  
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

1) USPS continues to indicate that the Postmaster (OIC) at this location is paid \$15,350 per annum plus \$5,142 per annum in fringe benefits. Actually the OIC at this office is paid \$11.98 per hour and receives no fringe benefits. Based on the 20 hours per weeks that this office is open and time off for holidays at no pay, the total outlay for personnel here is less than \$12,000, not the \$20,492 USPS continues to use as costs causing this office to appear a giant money loser. We feel if the correct numbers were used, the revenue vs. cost would appear substantially different.

2) ~~A proposed discontinuance meeting was held here on April 7, 2011. This meeting~~  
was conducted by Ron Reilly, postmaster at Columbus, NE, and Dorothy Bryan,  
~~postmaster at Auburn, KS. While these two individuals were fine people, the~~  
USPS handbook PO-101, Section 253, states that ~~community meetings are to be~~  
held by a District Manager or Manager of Post Office Operations. The handbook  
~~does not allow for anyone else to be conducting these meetings. We feel that~~  
had we been allowed to meet with a postal official, our opinions could have  
been conveyed to the proper representative. We believe that we are now  
~~entitled to a proper meeting to express our opinions and hear the reasons~~  
for discontinuing our post office.